Implementation of rural development schemes by Government of Assam

859. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the money spent out of total national budget allocation for rural development of Assam during the current financial year;

(b) the total budget earmarked for the tribal areas of Assam and the progress of implementation of schemes under the various programmes undertaken by the Ministry; and

(c) how successful has the State Government been in implementation of schemes?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) During the current financial year Central funds amounting to Rs. 823.53 crores have been allocated under various Rural Development Schemes for the State Government of Assam. Against this Central allocation, Rs. 28.46 crores have so far been released under various Rural Development Schemes to the State Government. As per reports received from the State Government of Assam for the current year upto May, 2002, Rs. 25.82 crores have been utilized under various Rural Development Schemes.

(b) Under the various Rural Development Schemes, budget for the tribal areas has not been earmarked separately. However, the Ministry has made specific provisions, in the guidelines of the Rural Development Schemes being implemented, to ensure adequate flow of resources to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) The report received from the State Government of Assam suggests that Rs. 499.74 crores were utilized during the year 2001-2002.

Recommendation of Central team to continue Food for Work Programme in A.P.

860. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central team which toured Andhra Pradesh in May, 2002 recommended continuation of Food for Work scheme in the State;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the team; and

(c) the action taken to implement the scheme more vigorously for drought prone districts of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) A Central Team visited some of the affected districts in Andhra Pradesh, in May, 2002. The Team recomended allocation of foodgrains for Food for Work Programme in 8 districts. Taking into account the recommendations of the Team and subsequent to the visit of the Team, 5 lakh MTs of foodgrains in the month of May and 5 lakh MTs of foodgrains for the month of June were allocated to the State under the special component of the Sampooran Grameen Rozgar Yojana to complete the incomplete works of the erstwhile Food for Work Programme.

Project proposals submitted by Chhattisgarh Government

†861. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project proposals submitted by Chhattisgarh Government to the Department of Rural Development.

(b) the financial allocation demanded for these projects; and

(c) the details of projects sanctioned out of the above said projects and financial allocation sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Government of Chhattisgarh has submitted one proposal for construction of Stopdam-cum-Culvert in Raipur district at a cost of Rs. 202.80 lakh to be implemented as a Special Project under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY). The State Government has been requested to furnish certain clarifications regarding ownership of land in the command area, before releasing funds for the Scheme.

Development made under PMGSY *vis-a-vis* expenditure incurred

†862. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the development of roads during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in rural areas under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.